

This map illustrates the Soviet Union's military and political influence in the 1980s. A legend in the top left corner defines the symbols used:

- Target country receiving Soviet-sponsored aid (stippled area)
- Soviet ally or associate receiving large military advisor and equipment programs (white area)
- Other country principally targeted by Soviets or their clients (white area)
- Marxist country being challenged by insurgency (solid black area)
- Free World sea lane chokepoint (thick black line)
- Port facility in allied country used by Soviet navy (circle with a dot)
- Airfield capable of supporting Soviet bombers (plus sign)
- Soviet naval air operating area from foreign airfield (dashed line)
- Transit route for Soviet military aircraft (thin black line)

 The map shows the Soviet Union's strategic reach across the globe. Key features include:

- Target Countries (Stippled):** Includes the United States, Canada, West Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, and several countries in Southeast Asia and Africa.
- Soviet Allies/Associates (White):** Includes the Soviet Union, Cuba, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, South Africa, and several countries in Africa and the Middle East.
- Marxist Countries (Solid Black):** Includes North Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and North Korea.
- Sea Lane Chokepoints (Thick Black Lines):** The Straits of Florida, the Strait of Hormuz, the Strait of Malacca, and the Taiwan Strait.
- Port Facilities (Circle with a dot):** Located in Cuba, the Soviet Union, and several countries in Africa and the Middle East.
- Airfields (Plus sign):** Located in the Soviet Union, Cuba, and several countries in Africa and the Middle East.
- Transit Routes (Thin Black Lines):** Show the movement of Soviet military aircraft from the Soviet Union to various parts of the world.

 The map also shows the Soviet Union's naval air operating areas from foreign airfields, indicated by dashed lines. The map is titled 'Soviet Union' and includes a scale bar in miles and kilometers. A note at the bottom right states: 'The United States Government has not recognized the incorporation of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania into the Soviet Union. Other boundary representation is not necessarily authoritative.'